



# The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

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Coming up is our last meeting before the Huntsville Hamfest. Setup for the hamfest will start for most of us just three days later. But the hamfest team has been working on it for a whole year. I'd like all to not only attend, but somehow engage in bringing all these activities to our larger community. There's a lot we can all do, and surely something each of us can do to help. Let's all pitch in and help in our own way.

The Hamfest DX Banquet is on Saturday night. We sold 107 tickets last year, the largest number ever. This year portends to be ever greater, but we're not there yet. Again we need your help. A number of club members curiously haven't bought tickets yet. Did you know the local ham store, Gigaparts, has offered a Yaesu FT DX 3000 as the grand prize – that's an almost \$1500 piece of equipment! As usual, there will be a number of other prizes that should make the event too good to miss. The ARRL will be there in force – the President, CEO, the Area Director, and the speaker will be past president, Joel Harrison, W5Z. Who still needs to purchase a banquet ticket?

Big DXpeditions have been down this year. We now have a couple that we should consider funding. I'll bring them up at the meeting. And, of course, we'll continue with those DX quizzes at the meeting. So study up.

We'll have our DX picnic on Saturday, October 12, at the QTH of Bruce Smith, AC4G. I have a strong preference for holding these events at QTHs. They tend to be much more personal, there is greater opportunity to learn what it takes to get to the top of the DXCC list, and we get to know each other a little better. We are so lucky to live in an area where there are very many active, competitive hams. For me, this is my 14<sup>th</sup> QTH, and I've never seen such an aggressive membership. Makes me wish I'd arrived earlier. Bruce's QTH is out in the country. I visited once and was blown away. You've gotta see this. Any ham who owns his own bucket truck has got to be serious. How many DX entities do you have, Bruce? We'll talk about this at the next two meetings.

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## How to Join

- \* Come to a club meeting;
- \* or send in an application by mail (form on [www.NADXC.org](http://www.NADXC.org))
- \* or call Tom Duncan at (256)705-2147

My August Program encourages everyone to develop a Bucket List. I will talk about the progress I've made since retiring to cross some of the items off on my list. They include attending one of the world's largest hamfests in Germany, several station improvements, and plans to operate at a major international contest station and a major DXpedition. All this has happened or will happen in the next 7 months. Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman didn't think big enough when they made their list for the movie in 2007.

## Bucket List

August Program by Steve Werner, AG4W

Get to Newk's a little after 5:30 pm for dinner, and the business meeting will begin at 6:30, with Steven's program at 7:00.



## July Meeting Minutes

By Chris Reed, AI4U, NADXC Secretary/Treasurer

### Attendance

Members 16, probably more but some didn't sign the sheet.

### Meeting minutes

Bob, K8KI called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. He welcomed our guests and reviewed the DX worked from the roster.

Bob quizzed the attendees on several DX entities. Several members answered correctly on multiple prefixes Johnny K4RF, John N5DF, and Steve AG4W got all of them.

Chris updated everyone on the financial report. The bank account balance was 10,042.62 as of July 1. The outstanding purchases of banquet tickets and membership dues held in Paypal is 1482.64. Total Balance would be 11,531. Financial report was approved by the membership.

Chris also announced that DX Banquet tickets are on sale and so far 44 have sold as of the meeting. *[In late-*

### From the President

(cont'd from p. 1)

AG4W will present our program this month. I've talked to him quite extensively about it. He's on his bucket list quest, and has set a mountain-high goal. You may be aware of my keen interest in the vast capabilities of LDMOS amps. Well, Steve not only homebrewed one for moonbounce, but fabricated the case and designed the digital controls. It really does go to 1500 watts. So come on out to Newk's for our August meeting. You'll hear the current extent of Steve's quest, and a lot more.

73,

Bob, K8KI

breaking news, Chris reported the sale of 96 tickets, and our VP Warren, K4MMW has been gently cajoling surrounding contest clubs to attend. We're quite certain reports of midnight visits and other strong-arm tactics are significantly exaggerated.—Ed.]

Bob polled the attendees to see if the club wanted to have a DX picnic. The majority raised their hands and following discussion, the group settled on October to have it. Bob will appoint someone to head up the DX picnic.

Mark provided an update on the Hamfest. Both hotel blocks are sold out and forum schedule is full. Dayton Hamvention and Orlando will have representatives at the Hamfest.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Chuck, N4NM presented the program "Zen and the art of Radio Maintenance."

Next meeting: August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

## July Financial Report

By Chris Reed, AI4U

Beginning Balance	10,048.62
Deposits	259.00
Paypal Transfer	2,982.39
Balance August 1	13,290.01

### NADXC Officers and Directors

President	Bob De Pierre, K8KI
Vice President	Warren Alford, K4MMW
Secretary/	Chris Reed, AI4U
Treasurer	
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## AT&T Archives on Youtube

The LongPath Staff

Back in the day of the monolithic Phone Company and for a few years thereafter, AT&T produced brief documentaries of Bell System capabilities. Now a-days we think of things like this as 100% "infomercials", as indeed there was a profit motivation of sorts at Ma Bell. However, as the LongPath staff consists of an unusually high percentage of former Bell System employees, we feel it fair and proper to point out that in the regulated environment of that day, utilities (and this includes electric power utilities as well) were expected to "serve the public", and this included letting the public know what

they were up to.

The YouTube "AT&T Tech Channel" has who knows how many videos from this era. These provide interesting glimpses into how technology evolved, technology we used (and some we continue to use) every day. The "Nokia Bell Labs" channel continues this in today's decidedly-more-computer-centric environment. Your LongPath Staff recommend these educational and sometimes entertaining offerings. Often when we attempt to divine the future, it is helpful to look back at the past.



## DX Contests for August

By Chuck Lewis, N4NM

### WAE CW DX Contest, (CW), 80-10 meters

Aug 10, 0000Z to Aug. 11, 2359Z

Exchange: RST plus serial No. See web for QTC rules.

See page 84, August QST and [www.darc.de](http://www.darc.de)

### SARTG WW RTTY Contest, (RTTY), 80-10 meters

Aug. 17, 0000Z to Aug. 18, 1600Z

Exchange: RST plus Serial No.

See page 84, August QST and [www.sartg.com](http://www.sartg.com)

### Keymen's Club of Japan Contest (CW), 160-6 meters

Aug. 17, 1200Z to Aug. 18, 1200Z

Exchange: RST and prefecture or continent

See page 84, August QST and [www.kcj-cw.com](http://www.kcj-cw.com)

### Russian District Award Contest, (CW, SSB), 160-10 meters

Aug. 17, 0800Z to Aug. 18, 0800Z

Exchange: RS(T), Serial or Russian District

See page 84, August QST and [rdaward.org/rdac1.htm](http://rdaward.org/rdac1.htm)

### CVA DX Contest, (CW), 80-10 meters

Aug. 17, 2100Z to Aug. 18, 2100Z

Exchange: RST plus category (see rules)

See page 84, Aug. QST and [www.cvadx.org](http://www.cvadx.org)

### SARL HF Digital Contest (DIG), 80-20 meters

Aug. 18, 1400Z to 1700Z

Exchange: RST, serial no.

See page 84, Aug. QST and [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za)



### YO DX Contest, (CW,SSB), 80-10 meters

Aug. 25, 1200Z to Aug. 26, 1200Z

Exchange: RS(T), Serial or YO district

See page 84, August QST and [www.yodx.ro/en/english](http://www.yodx.ro/en/english)

### CVA DX Contest, (SSB), 80-10 meters

Aug. 24, 2100Z to Aug. 25, 2100Z

Exchange: RS plus category (see rules)

See page 84, Aug. QST and [www.cvadx.org](http://www.cvadx.org)

### SARL HF CW Contest (CW), 80-20 meters

Aug. 25, 1300Z to 1630Z

Exchange: RST, serial no.

See page 84, Aug. QST and [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za)

### All Asian DX contest, (SSB), 80-10 meters

Sept. 7, 0000Z to Sept. 8, 2400Z

Exchange: RS plus 2-digit age

See: [https://www.jarl.org/English/4\\_Library/A-4-3\\_Contests/2018AA\\_rule.htm](https://www.jarl.org/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2018AA_rule.htm)

### WAE DX Contest, (SSB), 80-10 meters

Sept. 14, 0000Z to Sept. 15, 2359Z

Exchange: RS, serial no.

See <http://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/referat-conteste/worked-all-europe-dx-contest/en/>

### Worldwide Digi DX Contest (DIG) 160-10 Meters

Aug. 31, 1200Z to Sept. 1, 1200Z

Exchange: 4-character grid square + SNR

See: <https://ww-gigi.com/>

Others:

### UK/EI DX Contest, SSB

1200Z, Aug 31 to 1200Z, Sep 1

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware.

Chuck, N4NM